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Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2006 22:38:15 CST
From: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 3973
Message-Id: <20061110043816.EA8E53188AA@srvr1.theporch.com>

BOATANCHORS Digest 3973

Topics covered in this issue include:

- 1) Re: R-388 Serial Numbers
by "Jose V. Gavila" <eb5agv@ctv.es>
- 2) Re: Collins Receiver Advice
by "k4pf@juno.com" <k4pf@juno.com>
- 3) Re: Ocean State Electronics
by john <johnmb@nc.rr.com>
- 4) Re: Collins Receiver Advice
by "Tom Rauch" <w8ji@contesting.com>
- 5) Re: Collins Receiver Advice
by "Tom Rauch" <w8ji@contesting.com>
- 6) RE: When did S-38's become great radios?
by "Marty Reynolds' debris field" <polepeeg@aa4rm.ba-watch.org>
- 7) Re: R-388 Serial Numbers
by "Al Parker" <anchor@ec.rr.com>
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- 9) Ocean State Electronics
by Mike Steussy <ae4r@cox.net>
- 10) Re: Ocean State Electronics
by "Chris Bowne" <radiobwn@riconnect.com>
- 11) Most for least RX
by "JAMES HANLON" <knjhanlon@msn.com>
- 12) Re: Collins Receiver Advice
by "David Stinson" <arc5@ix.netcom.com>
- 13) Re: R-388 Serial Numbers
by wb3fau@att.net
- 14) Re: Most for least RX
by "Herbert M. Rosenthal" <herbrose@comcast.net>
- 15) Re: R-388 Serial Numbers
by John Poulton <jp@cs.unc.edu>
- 16) Re: R-388 Serial Numbers
by "Edward J White" <wa3bzt@verizon.net>
- 17) Re: R-388 Serial Numbers
by Paul Beckwith <beckrep@citlink.net>
- 18) W8CSZ lookup

by "Tom Rauch" <w8ji@contesting.com>
19) Viking Ranger II PTT Question
by "James C. Garland" <4cx250b@muohio.edu>
20) Re: Most for least RX
by "Sandy W5TVW" <ebjr@i-55.com>

Message-Id: <5.2.0.9.0.20061108215849.02e50a00@pop.wanadoo.es>
Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2006 21:59:58 +0100
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: "Jose V. Gavila" <eb5agv@ctv.es>
Subject: Re: R-388 Serial Numbers
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Hi John,

Here you have a new entry!

Mine is 3362-Phila-52 S/N 109

Regards,

JOSE

73 EB5AGV / EC5AAU - JOSE V. GAVILA
La Canyada - Valencia (SPAIN) - Loc: IM99SM

Vintage Radio: <http://jvgavila.com>
Vintage Test Equipment: <http://jvgavila.com/testeq.htm>
European Boatanchors List: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/euro_ba_swap

Mime-Version: 1.0
From: "k4pf@juno.com" <k4pf@juno.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2006 21:02:18 GMT
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: boatanchors@theporch.com
Subject: Re: Collins Receiver Advice
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Message-Id: <20061108.130319.19107.1407071@webmail50.lax.untld.com>

Hi, Steve

For a c.w. receiver, I would avoid the 75S-1, because it doesn't have a =

variable BFO.

The 75S-3 came with an installed 200 Hz c.w. crystal filter (rather narrow, and prone to ringing).

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73,
Ed Knobloch

-- Steve wa9jml@tbc.net wrote:

After being in Ham Radio for more than 40 years, I have been considering buying my first ever piece of Collins equipment. I am looking for something to pair with my Gonset GSB-100 exciter, so it should work on CW, SSB, and AM. I have narrowed down my interests to the 75S-1 and 75S-3 series receivers. What are the differences between these receivers? How hard is it to add CW filters, how much do they generally cost, and where are they available? Any pointers?

Message-Id: <6.2.1.2.2.20061108165213.02c22140@pop-server.nc.rr.com>
Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2006 16:53:00 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: john <johnmb@nc.rr.com>
Subject: Re: Ocean State Electronics
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed

That would be their LATEST excuse...err...explanation....

John (an ex customer of Ocean State)

At 09:36 AM 11/8/2006, B. Smith wrote:

>It appears that Ocean State Electronics is still in business, evidently they
>experienced a problem with a computer etc. Explanation is on their web page.
><http://www.oselectronics.com/>
>
>I have not ordered anything recently but have received answers to my
>emails.
>
>73 Breck k4che
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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Collins Receiver Advice
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2006 19:02:05 -0500
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
format=flowed;
charset="iso-8859-1";
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Message-ID: <54048.76.17.125.155.1163030939.squirrel@fracas.netboobie.org>
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2006 19:08:59 -0500 (EST)
Subject: RE: When did S-38's become great radios?
From: "Marty Reynolds' debris field" <polepeeg@aa4rm.ba-watch.org>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;charset=iso-8859-1
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Message-ID: <0d3201c70396\$672871b0\$3201a8c0@w8ut>
From: "Al Parker" <anchor@ec.rr.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: R-388 Serial Numbers
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2006 19:30:59 -0500
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi JP,

I have s/n 182, contract 3362-Phila-52. Can give you some other sn's,
but not sure if I have the contracts no.s., will dig.

73,

Al, W8UT

New Bern, NC

BoatAnchors appreciated here

<http://www.boatanchors.org>

<http://www.hammarlund.info>

----- Original Message -----

From: "John Poulton" <jp@cs.unc.edu>
To: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2006 1:51 PM
Subject: R-388 Serial Numbers

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> 3131-PHILA-51	919
> 3155-PH-51	1379
> 3164-PH-51	153
> 3167-PHILA-51	491
> 3357-PHILA-52, s.n. C36	1672
> 3469-PHILA-52	20
> 3470-PHILA-52	1449
> 25635-PHILA-53-36	1809
> 25067-PH-54-55	363
> 21318-PH-56	88
> 30951-PH-56	0
> 30951-PHILA-57	0
> 37003-PC-62	171
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> old radios have come out of the woodwork in the last 10 years.	
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> I'd be happy to serve as collector of the data, and I'll post the	
> results in a permanent place.	
>	
> So, if you are in the mood, send me ALL of the information on the	
> nameplates	
> of your R-388's and R-388A's (51J-4's in military clothing),	
> specifically	
> the full contract number (as above) and the serial number, and I'll	
> update	
> this table.	
>	
> 73, John K4OZY	
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 Message-ID: <20061109031017.42916.qmail@web54605.mail.yahoo.com>
 Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2006 19:10:17 -0800 (PST)
 From: "J.D. Mac Aulay, WQ8U" <jmac6235@yahoo.com>
 Subject: Fish story - was When did S-38's become great radios?
 To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

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Typical "kid ~1957"??
Not sure about a "grunnion" but a "Grunion" is a fish:
"Leuresthes tenuis". Was there something "fishy"
about the S-20R Marty? Perhaps Mytronics was offering
you "fin" for selling them. And one must ask on which
"scales" were you evaluating them. I must believe
there is a "tail" here.
Mac
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Message-ID: <4552AF10.2090500@cox.net>
Date: Wed, 08 Nov 2006 23:31:12 -0500
From: Mike Steussy <ae4r@cox.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Ocean State Electronics
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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even contacting OSE. I'm restoring a Collins 75A-1 and just ordered a
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[<https://www.oselectronics.com>] there's a message that states several weeks ago their main computer server crashed and some data was lost. The server is for inventory and order entry database and until they can repair it, orders will be slow in shipping. Only one person is on the phone lines to handle ALL calls and is also trying to answer emails. So it sounds like they're in the damage control mode big time and understandably it may be a while before I receive my order. YMMV, of course.

73, Mike Steussy AE4R

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Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2006 22:59:32 -0600
Message-Id: <200611082259.AA241631404@ricconnect.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
From: "Chris Bowne" <radiobwn@ricconnect.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Ocean State Electronics

What's really annoying for me is that they are just over the bridge in Westerly, RI from me and they don't do retail walk in business!

73, Chris, AJ1G

Stonington, CT

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Message-ID: <BAY110-DAV12C004A716F5414276F939A0F00@phx.gbl>
From: "JAMES HANLON" <knjhanlon@msn.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Most for least RX
Date: Wed, 8 Nov 2006 22:12:40 -0700
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Greg, WA1KBQ wrote, "Which one receiver offered the most performance for =
the least dollars?"

My nomination would be the Command Set receivers. You could pick up one =
for somewhere between three and seven dollars back in the 50's, and you =
got one RF, two IF's, a BFO, and coverage from 3 to 6 (BC454) or 6 to =
9.1 mHz (BC455) with reasonable stability. You needed to add your own =
power supply, but guys could usually scrounge something from an old BC =
set. Selectivity was not their strong point, especially the higher =
frequency receiver. But if you added a BC453 "Q-5er," with its 85 kc IF =
about 2 kc wide you got very decent selectivity and also very good =
bandspread (by tuning the Q'5er across the chosen IF frequency). I know =
somebody is going to say that the Q-5er doesn't tune to the IF frequency =
of the other two receivers, but the trick was to offset the HF =
receiver's BFO downward by maybe 500 kc and turn its second IF stage =
into a mixer with an output at 500 kc that the Q-5er could pick up. =
Voila, you had a triple conversion receiver for somewhere in the range =
of ten to fifteen bucks. I have this setup working in my Classic =
Exchange shack, paired with Command Set transmitters of course which =
were also best buys in the Transmitter category.

Jim, W8KGI
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From: "David Stinson" <arc5@ix.netcom.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Collins Receiver Advice
Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2006 05:47:36 -0600
MIME-Version: 1.0
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How uncommon is the Collins 75S-2 receiver?

From: wb3fau@att.net
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: John Poulton <jp@cs.unc.edu>
Subject: Re: R-388 Serial Numbers
Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2006 13:47:48 +0000
Message-Id:
<110920061347.20713.45533184000CA2A5000050E921603763169A0E00CC0D99@att.net>

John heres another- order 3135 Phila 51 sn1405. Russ.

Message-ID: <4553334B.7000306@comcast.net>
Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2006 06:55:23 -0700
From: "Herbert M. Rosenthal" <herbrose@comcast.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Most for least RX
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Jim et al,

Been there and done that (perhaps 1947 or so) in Syracuse. GE factory there had a humongous pile of WW II surplus-maybe two stories high-barrels of panel meters, filled with rain water-for \$1 each (an

hour in mom's oven to dry them out completely)... a million BC645 IFF sets using a Western Electric WE 316A doorknob tube in the transmitter and 955 acorns in the rx (I have the 1948 "conversion" manual for these, also Command sets in their original MFP wrapping for a buck or two. I had a set on 40 am phone mobile for years... until I left home for the Air Force.

I heard these 645s had a magnesium compound chassis and a squib to ignite and destroy the thing if necessary. Story also went that a few were sold on Cortland street in NYC with the squib's red wire tempting a kid or two who ignited the things and almost burned their folks' homes. Anyone ever hear this? I do believe I remember ads from the surplus places, in CQ warning about the squib. Also heard that the 645's secrecy had been compromised and they were never used (thus the huge pile of them at GE @ \$5.) But I drilled and filed many of those chassis and I'm still here.

GE also had a gazillion partially completed 630TS tv chassis (were these actually RCAs?) with a great power transformer, etc. Some of the guys would buy a few sets and make a good working tv. Schematics were in the magazines of that era.

Long ago and far away. I wonder whether any of the BAers ever made it to that pile in Syracuse?

Herb W5AN
Albuquerque

JAMES HANLON wrote: <snip> <snip> ...

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From: John Poulton <jp@cs.unc.edu>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: R-388 Serial Numbers
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.64.0611090903100.30695@swan.cs.unc.edu>
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Folks,

There's a complete survey of serial numbers online at the very nice R-388-centric website (and home of "Fred"):

<http://home.comcast.net/~ka4koe/R388.htm>

However, I've already received info on at least one contract (3362-PHILA-52) that increases one of these numbers. Soon as I've heard from whoever's interested in participating, I'll get up with the host of the above website and update the numbers.

Anyone know how to access information about old federal/military contracts? All this info is probably sitting in some government warehouse (last scene in Raiders of the Lost Ark.. :)

73, John

Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2006 09:22:27 -0500
From: "Edward J White" <wa3bzt@verizon.net>
Subject: Re: R-388 Serial Numbers
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-id: <002a01c7040b\$a0d9ad00\$6401a8c0@wa3bzt>
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Hi Gang:
I have Contract 3362-Phil-52 Serial number 162
Ed
WA3BZT

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Here's mine.....R-388/URR Order # 3131-Phila.-51 S/N 499

73's de Paul K2LMQ Kingman, AZ.

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From: "Tom Rauch" <w8ji@contesting.com>
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Date: Thu, 9 Nov 2006 21:36:28 -0500
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Anyone know anything about or have an old callbook that
lists W8CSZ ??

A local lady said her mother's brother was Harry
Doremus-Denniston. She sent me a picture dated 1929 of a guy
smoking a pipe in front of some old radios. She said it was
Harry Doremus-Denniston, but the photo says Dunmore Penn
1929 W8CSZ. Anything I can tell her about the photo?

I posted the picture here:

http://www.w8ji.com/old_picture.htm

73 Tom

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Date: Thu, 09 Nov 2006 21:25:21 -0700
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: "James C. Garland" <4cx250b@muohio.edu>
Subject: Viking Ranger II PTT Question
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Quick question, Gang: Did the Ranger II come with PTT circuit already installed at the factory? Or was it like the Ranger I, which had a user-wired upgrade kit for adding PTT?

Tnx,
Jim W8ZR

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From: "Sandy W5TVW" <ebjr@i-55.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Most for least RX
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I must agree with this! My "prime stuff" during my high school days was the SCR-274N "Command Set" gear! The receivers are easily converted to series string, 50L6 subbed for the 12A6, a selenium rectifier and dual 30mf at 150 v. filter cap added and your receiver was complete! You had to be VERY careful with AC/DC operation NOT to get the chassis on the "hot" side of the line! The 3-6 and 6-9.1 receivers were broad as a barn door but very sensitive. Local oscillators amazingly stable. Later I used a BC-946B (the 550-1500 Khz. set) as an IF system for a Gonset

Super 6 converter and it was a pretty decent receiver for its day. The BC-453 is still a "gem" in the 190-550 khz region and decently selective. I still have one of those after over 50 years and it's still going strong. The whole series was plentiful and EVERYONE had several in use or just hanging around back then! If you wanted to spend 8-10 bucks you could usually find them in still sealed cartons absolutely pristine!

73,

Sandy W5TVW

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From: "JAMES HANLON" <knjhanlon@msn.com>

To: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2006 11:12 PM

Subject: Most for least RX

Greg, WA1KBQ wrote, "Which one receiver offered the most performance for the least dollars?"

My nomination would be the Command Set receivers. You could pick up one for somewhere between three and seven dollars back in the 50's, and you got one RF, two IF's, a BFO, and coverage from 3 to 6 (BC454) or 6 to 9.1 MHz (BC455) with reasonable stability. You needed to add your own power supply, but guys could usually scrounge something from an old BC set. Selectivity was not their strong point, especially the higher frequency receiver. But if you added a BC453 "Q-5er," with its 85 kc IF about 2 kc wide you got very decent selectivity and also very good bandspread (by tuning the Q'5er across the chosen IF frequency). I know somebody is going to say that the Q-5er doesn't tune to the IF frequency of the other two receivers, but the trick was to offset the HF receiver's BFO downward by maybe 500 kc and turn its second IF stage into a mixer with an output at 500 kc that the Q-5er could pick up. Voila, you had a triple conversion receiver for somewhere in the range of ten to fifteen bucks. I have this setup working in my Classic Exchange shack, paired with Command Set transmitters of course which were also best buys in the Transmitter category.

Jim, W8KGI

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